

The IMPERIAL NIGHT-HAWK



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Sordid Story of Girls' Shame Causes Klan At Shreveport to Plan Protestant Refuge

LILIES of the bloom from mud-streaked stalks.

From the depths of degradation and despair may spring high and holy projects.

Two poor little Louisiana girls, dragged down and debauched by an unnatural and inhuman mother, are to be the agents whereby their native state is to secure a splendid Protestant home of refuge which in years to come will shelter and protect other juvenile unfortunates and afford them an opportunity to remedy lives which have been wrecked almost before they have properly begun.

Here is the sordid story which called attention to the lack of a Protestant home for girls in the great State of Louisiana and which caused the hundred per cent Americans of Shreveport Klan Number 2 to start a campaign for the erection of a \$75,000 girls' home which will be given to their community.

Preacher Starts Probe

A young minister joined the Klan a few years ago and determined to actively practice Klankraft when it came to taking the properly constituted authorities in enforcing the laws.

There came to him a rumor that in a small oil town near Shreveport a woman was selling whiskey and prostituting her two daughters, one aged sixteen and the other aged fourteen, in their own home.

The preacher donned overalls, posed as an oil worker and started to investigate for himself.

He called at the woman's home and bought whiskey. He asked her about her daughters. She said that her eldest daughter was leading an immoral life and that she would be glad to introduce her to him. She said that the youngest girl was in school but that she would have her meet him later in the evening for immoral purposes.

The minister having secured this evidence went to the sheriff in Shreveport and had the woman arrested. She was sentenced to jail on charges of pandering and of bootlegging.

Plan Protestant Home

And then the two young girls, having no place to go and nobody to take care of them, were sent by the court to the Home of the Good Shepherd, a Roman Catholic institution.

The Shreveport Klan then and there discovered that there was not a Protestant home for girls in the entire state.

Klansmen at once determined to build such a home and plan to raise \$75,000 for such an institution which the Klan will complete and turn over to the State with the one proviso that it be conducted by Protestants and on Protestant principles.

Klans in Western States Are Growing

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is at present experiencing an unparalleled growth in the northwestern states and membership will still further increase during the coming summer, according to Fred L. Gifford of Portland, Oregon, Grand Dragon for that Realm. Mr. Gifford was a visitor at the Imperial Palace May 1 on official business.

"The Klan in the Western States has a great mission of Americanism to perform," Mr. Gifford says. "The rapid growth of the Japanese population and the great influx of foreign laborers, mostly Greeks, is threatening our American institutions, and Klans in Washington, Oregon and Idaho are actively at work to combat these foreign and un-American influences."

Klans in the state of Oregon are rested up after their recent sweeping victory at the polls in the cause of good government, at which time they put patriotic Americans into public office.

During the coming summer there will be a great increase in Klan membership in these States. Thousands of Americans are anxious to enroll themselves in this great patriotic order and the very best of the Western citizenship will be accepted.

In Portland, Oregon, Luther Powell Klan Number 1, is making plans for the erection of a magnificent new Klavern which they will themselves own. Other Klans in the western states are also preparing to construct their own buildings.

In Seattle the Klan has prospered under the vicious attacks launched against them by their enemies and the membership of Seattle Klan No. 4 is increasing more rapidly than ever in its history.

Klans at Spokane, Walla Walla, Yakima, and Vancouver in Washington, and Boise, Pocatello and Twin Falls in Idaho all report large increases in membership. Many new Klans are being established in Idaho which is rapidly becoming one of the banner states of the country.

Texas Klan Outlines An Educational Program

Constructive and educational programs for the benefit of the membership have caused a wonderful attendance record to be established by Wichita Falls Klan No. 195, Realm of Texas.

This Klan has purchased an ideal building site for the sum of \$14,000 and is going to at once erect thereon a \$35,000 Klavern paid for and owned by Klansmen.

Wichita Falls Klan each week has some special educational subject presented for discussion. Some of the subjects which will be discussed are printed here as a suggestion for other Klans:

"The Constitution of the United States"; "The Magna Carta"; "Immigration"; "The Public Schools"; "State and Church"; "The History of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan"; "The State and the School"; "The Monroe Doctrine"; "The Revolutionary War"; "Abraham Lincoln"; "George Washington"; "American Statesman"; "The Catholic Church"; "Our Congress."

These lectures are generally delivered by local Klansmen specially assigned to the subject. They are followed by a general discussion.

Realm of Oklahoma is Making Progress

Reports at the Imperial Palace from Klans in the Realm of Oklahoma indicate that the realm is forging ahead under its new state administration. From all sections of Oklahoma come reports of large crowds being naturalized and great crowds are attending open air addresses by various speakers concerning Klan principles.

Oklahoma was recently entirely reorganized. Its four provinces were restructured into three provinces and an entirely new administration installed. This administration is now functioning one hundred per cent and the results, even in the period of six weeks, are remarkable.

The new Grand Dragon for the Realm of Oklahoma is one of the best known business men in the state. With his three Great Trians he has adopted a policy of working with and cooperating with the Klans of the realm for the benefit and growth of this great order.

Oklahoma will naturalize 20,000 new Klansmen during the present year, so state officials confidently expect.

Alabama Klans Will All Parade on May 22

The Realm of Alabama is planning a state wide celebration on the night of Tuesday, May 22. Thousands of Klansmen in full regalia will parade in every city and town in Alabama where a Klan exists. Forty crosses will burn in all four corners of the state.

The general turn out of all Alabama Klansmen is ordered by the Grand Dragon of the Realm and the occasion will be an eventful one.

One of the biggest parades ever staged in the history of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will take place at Birmingham, where Klans from all parts of Province Number 1 will gather and march. Thousands of Klansmen are expected to be in line.

Klan Comment

Following a protest of the membership of Daniel Morgan Klan Number 48, Spartanburg, South Carolina, the city council at that city on April 28 stopped a local moving picture theater from showing "The Pilgrim," a film in which Charlie Chaplin appears in the role of a minister. The film was suppressed by the council on the grounds that it ridiculed the Protestant ministry.

Lincoln Klan No. 11, Realm of Nebraska, made their first public appearance April 19, when twenty-five of their members in full regalia visited the First Christian Church at Havlock. Their leader made a brief address outlining the Christian and patriotic aims of this order.

Despite the opposition of Mayor Hoseny of Fort Wayne, Ind., who said that he would not permit a Klan parade, members of the Fort Wayne Klan in full regalia and headed by a brass band paraded the town in full force April 28. Permission to parade was given by the chief of police.

The Klan at Springfield, Ill., the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, is one of the latest and fastest growing organizations in the country. The Klan plans to naturalize a class of between 500 and 1,000 new members in a special ceremonial in the near future.

An illuminated airplane carrying a fiery cross hovered over Klansmen of Washington, Ind., when they paraded in full regalia April 28. Announced plans of Mayor McCarty to stop the parade did not materialize.

Bread Cast On The Waters Off Returns As An Exceeding Sour Lemon

HERE is a little story which exemplifies the age old golden rule. "Do Unto Others as Ye Would They Should Do Unto You," and which also proves that bread cast upon the waters sometimes comes back in the shape of a lemon.

Down in a Southern State where Klansmen are under bitter attack by their enemies, there is a Parish whose school board is controlled by Roman Catholics. The Parish superintendent of schools until recently was a Protestant and the Catholics, suspecting that this man was a member of the Klan, discharged him without cause and in face of a protest voiced by hundreds of good citizens in the community.

The leader of the school board which accomplished the ousting of the Protestant superintendent is a Catholic, of course, and a man of means and broad acres of rice land. His credit at his local bank was such that he had borrowed \$100,000 with his plantation as security. His notes became due last week, and he called on his banker.

"I just dropped in to renew those notes," he remarked.

Klan Officials of Indiana in Meeting

On Sunday, April 29, a most remarkable meeting of Klansmen was held in the city of Indianapolis, Ind. It was composed entirely of officials from several hundred Indiana Klans, and two thousand men were present. It was the largest meeting of state officials in the history of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Imperial Wizard Dr. H. W. Evans addressed the gathering, congratulating the State of Indiana upon the marvelous progress which it has recently made in Klankraft. Plans were formulated by the enthusiastic Klan leaders for a still greater increase in the numerical strength of the Indiana Klans during the summer months. Indiana is now running close to Texas as being the strongest Klan state in the union.

There are over 1,200 daily, weekly and monthly publications in foreign languages at present being printed and circulated in the United States. This press is a deterrent to American citizenship.

Klansmen Should Scan Text Books

Klansmen, guard well your free public schools and let no un-American influences creep in. Pay particular attention to the contents of text books adopted for the use of your children by either state, county or city commissions or boards of education, lest secularism be skillfully introduced.

The Klans of the Realm of Indiana are now protesting the adoption of several text books which they find to be full of Roman Catholic theories and the Board of Education of that state have temporarily held up the book contracts.

Two history books in particular were found to be "chuck" full of doctrine and propaganda favorable to the Roman Catholic church. One of the books carried as its preface an endorsement by a priest.

Take a look at the youngsters' school books when they bring them home. Maybe you will find the hierarchy at work.

Don't criticize your fellow Klansman without hearing; be merciful and just.

Here's a Typical Example of How Some Newspapers Will Falsify About Klan

NEVER mind about telling the truth. Just tack "K. K. K." onto any article dealing with crime or tragedy and the yellow newspaper is afforded a sensation. Anything is permissible in slandering and vilipending this great American order by newspapers who pander to the tastes of their Catholic and Jewish advertisers.

Here is a typical instance showing how the news columns of a paper can be prostituted when its policy is controlled in its counting house.

The Kansas City Post recently carried an eight-column headline in box car letters: "Klan Threats Blamed in Suicide." If the end of the world had come they could have used no larger type.

Some Sensation

Here is the story they "smeared" on page one.

Kirkcristy, Mo., April 9.—Threats by secret organization and signed "Ku Klux Klan" are blamed by relatives for the suicide here yesterday of Thomas Henderson, 26-year-old farmer. Henderson shot himself with an old-fashioned muzzle loading pistol.

Shortly before taking his life, Henderson said he had received a threatening letter and that it bore no signature except the words "Ku Klux Klan."

Members of his family say they know no reason for any person or organization threatening Henderson.

"Henderson was a member of a family that had lived in this section many years."

Imperial Representative George C. McCarron for the State of Missouri at once sent special investigators to find out who sent the man the note.

He discovered that the newspaper article was absolutely false and that circumstances surrounding the man's death had been deliberately colored so as to afford ammunition for a sensational attack on the Klan.

Facts in Case

The true facts in the case are:

Henderson was a negro, though the article did not say so. He was a plasterer and not a farmer. He had never received a threatening letter of any kind, much less a note signed "Ku Klux Klan."

The man did not commit suicide but accidentally shot himself.

Henderson's wife who witnessed the accident says that her husband came home drunk and was "fooling" with a

shot gun (not a pistol). By accident he struck the gun against the wall as he staggered about the room. It exploded and tore away half of his skull.

This typical case of distorting the truth on the part of an anti-Klan newspaper is set forth here merely to show just how low some sheets can sink in their efforts to discredit an organization whose ideals are of the highest and whose principles are patriotism of the purest.

Oregon School Law is Praised by Templar

Leonidas P. Newby, Grand Master of the Knights Templar in the United States, chairman of the board of directors of the Methodist International College at Rome and a member of the Educational Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, heartily approves the Oregon compulsory school bill which eliminates parochial schools and sectarian education of children in that state.

Mr. Newby recently declared the Oregon school bill in his estimation was a distinct progressive step in the promotion of true American education and he advocates the adoption of kindred educational laws in every state in the Union.

Sectarian Education is Bad

From his position, both as an educator and a leader in one of the extensive sectarian collegiate organizations, Mr. Newby looks upon the Oregon school education which is productive of good citizenship.

"I do not believe that the mind of the child should be developed along sectarian lines," he declares. "The place for the young minds in the public schools. We must teach every boy and girl in this country first to be a good American citizen, and the basis of this teaching is the public school system."

The function of the sectarian school lies in the training of the child after he has passed through the high school stage of education, and not before. Popular education is distinctly an American education and it should be made to give its groundwork, its foundation of future citizenry, to every child in the country.

The work of the educational system under the Methodist church is confined to those who have passed the high school stage. Collegiate training is

Must Teach Patriotism

"Sectarianism is a bad thing," declares the Templar head. Religious convictions are a thing apart from education which is so vital to the production of good citizens. After the child has received a groundwork in the fundamental love of country and government, then is time for him to choose the future educational course.

"I mean no interference against any creed. A man may be Protestant, Jew, Catholic, Mohammedan, any one of the 200 faiths which flourish within the nation, but he must be an American above it all."

Mr. Newby says that the Methodist schools with which he is connected receive no tax support, and he declares that the Oregon system established a method where the functions of the public schools are supported by all of the people, and where all benefit equally.

Fortitude

Do not be discouraged! Don't lose heart.

You may not be able to see the harvest where you have patiently sown the seed, but be assured of this: No seed is lost.

The truthful word manfully spoken, the earnest effort honestly made, the noble creed consistently held—these are things which do not perish; they live on and move the world and mold the destinies of men long after you are dust.

Leave cowardice to the cowards; leave servility to the slaves. Be a man—proud, though in homespun; free, though in a hat.

Own your own soul! Don't listen to your own heartbeats. Dare to listen to your God's sunlight! Let no shadow of fear fall.

What is there to live for, if you are never to think, never to speak, never to act, save as the echo of some master? Better the death of the brave than the long misery of the mental serf.

Not always is it easy to know the right—very often is the road rough. Human praise can be won by shorter routes. Honors and riches are not always its rewards. Pleasures or days and calmer nights may be yours, if you float smoothly down the tide of policy—scurrying delfily by the rules of the ex-

But has life nothing loftier than this? Is there no divine voice within you that

Klansmen Should Support Newspapers Which Battle For Klan Principles

calls for better things! Is there no great pulse beat of duty within you—no flame of the warrior spirit, when insolent wrong flings its gage of battle at your feet?

Are you willing that the right shall call for aid and you give no succor; that truth shall plead for help, and you bear no witness?

Is the sacred torch of liberty—passed on from hand to hand, down the ages in which brave men dared to keep it lit—to find you unwilling to hold it aloft?

Shall the temple of civic freedom, reared by the great men who are gone, stand vacant—calling, mute, calling vainly for votaries at the shrine?

Was it a mockery—this long struggle your forefathers made for justice? Is it an idle tale—this story of the heroism with which the rights of the people were slowly won?

Not so—not so! Levity may slight and ignorance may disregard the blessed heritages of human endeavor; of patriotic purposes, of high-minded self-sacrifice—but they are here, and like the signal fires of the highlands, they call heroic hearts to duty!

You may have desponded, but you must not despair. You may have stumbled, but you must not fall. You will rouse yourself and press forward. You will do your duty—for that is your religion.

If wrong triumphs, it shall not claim you as a partner in the crime.

If the light dies out in the homes of the people, the curse of the unhappy shall not blast your name.

You shall be a man—loyal, fearless, independent, ready for work, and loyal to the last, to the creed which your heart approves.

Men, like these—and no others—won every treasure in the storehouse of liberty, every jewel in the crown of good government, every thread in the folden tissue of religious and political freedom.

Men like these—and no other—are going to keep alive the sacred fires our fathers kindled, are going to stamp out the foul heresies that imperil our rights, are going to turn back the death of human happiness, and are going to re-dedicate this government to the principles upon which it was founded!

Stand firm and fear not. Brave men, who are nothing more than brave, rush into the combat, get worsted and quit.

Brave men, who are something more than brave, take no defeat as final. They have, take no defeat as final.

Remember that Church and State must be eternally separated.

The Bible and the Flag should be in every American home.

THE *Imperial Night-Hawk* wishes to speak a word of commendation for the editors of a number of weekly newspapers throughout the United States who are devoting the columns of their publications to the fight for Klan ideals and Klan principles.

These courageous editors have fought the good fight without flinching against organized and fanatical opposition and in the face of overwhelming odds. It has been a long, steep, uphill path for them. Because they have been brave enough to publish their convictions and have not stooped to pussyfoot after lucrative advertising because they could not be bought or bribed by the enemy, they have been black-guarded and boycotted, maligned and assailed by the un-American forces who so systematically vilify and oppose the Klan.

Yet they have staunchly stood their ground. Their heads are bloody but unbowed. Right must prevail and their papers will prosper.

To a number of them, indeed, in regions where the Klan is flourishing like a green bay tree, the top of the hill has already been reached and the battle won. Their newspapers are on a paying basis and are thus strengthened to continue the drive for Americanism.

But here conflict still centers around some of the others. Against them are arrayed utterly ruthless forces which will stoop to any infamy to hamper or hush the voice of the Protestant press.

These editors in all verily serve and sacrifice.

They are the shock troops of the Klan armies. They are the buttresses against which beat waves of anti-Klan venom and hatred. They have thrown their own money and personalities into the cause and it is up to the Klansmen of the nation to help them to make good.

These newspapers are fighting your fight Klansmen, and you should wade right in and aid them.

You should subscribe for and read one or more of them regularly. You should advertise in them. You should recommend them to your friends.

In this way the work of Americanism may be furthered.

Following are listed twenty-four newspapers published in sixteen states which are devoted to the furtherance of Klan principles. Should any hundred per cent American newspaper be omitted it is because The *Imperial*

Night-Hawk has seen none of its editions and has no record of its publication.

Lone Star American, Greenville, Tex.

The Western American, Portland, Ore.

Texas American, Dallas, Tex.

The Weekly American, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The American Citizen, Fort Worth, Tex.

The Oklahoma Patriot, McAlester, Okla.

The Fellowship Forum, Washington, D. C.

The Public Journal, Roanoke, Va.

Tri-State American, Memphis, Tenn.

Col. Mayfield's Weekly, Houston, Tex.

The Dawn, Chicago, Ill.

The Interstate Press, Vicksburg, Miss.

Missouri Valley Independent, St. Joseph, Mo.

The Fiery Cross, Indianapolis, Ind.

Arizona Klan Kugly, Phoenix, Ariz.

The Hawkeye Independent, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Protestant Standard, Birmingham, Ala.

The Frontier Klansman, El Paso, Tex.

The American Sentinel, Fresno, Cal.

The Joy Harker American, Wichita, Kan.

The Badger American, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Arkansas Traveller, El Dorado, Ark.

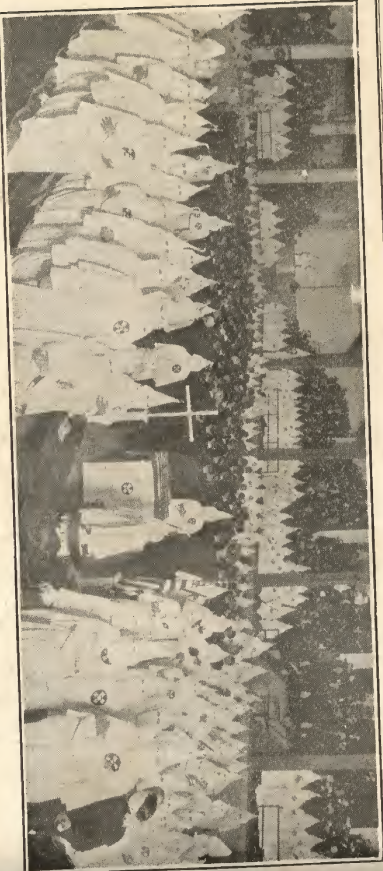
Sergeant Dalton's Weekly, Winfield, La.

Baltimore Concern Has Discharged Klansmen

Klansmen in Baltimore, Md., state that the Baltimore Bargain House, a concern which does a wholesale business in the East and the Middle West, is controlled by Jews. They have adopted the policy of discharging any employee whom they suspect of being a Klansman. This concern recently changed its name to The American Wholesale Corporation, presumably in an effort to win back the patronage of people whom they had offended by their anti-Klan policy.

A handsome new Klan Temple was dedicated at Cornersville, Ind., one day recently. The Klan there is a going organization.

Seattle Klan Thrives Under Persecution



SEATTLE Klan Number 4, Realm of Washington, has during the last couple of months borne the brunt of a desperate attack launched against the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan by un-American interests in the State of Washington.

The Seattle daily newspapers have viciously attacked the Seattle Klan at the instance of their Jewish and Catholic advertisers who control their news policy. They have published false-

Irish Immigration

Irish immigration to the United States showed a sharp increase for the quarter ending March 21, the total number of immigrants from Lenister and Connaught being 800, as compared with 400 for the corresponding quarter last year.

The Munster total has not yet been announced but is expected to show a more substantial increase. These immigrants are more than 90 per cent Catholic.

America Needs The Klan

Out in California the I. W. W.'s are threatening armed revolution and sabotage against the lumber companies, while in St. Joseph, Mich., in trials of communists, it is proved that the Russian Soviet government still continues its attempt to foment revolution in America. So it looks as if there is a very real need for a hundred-per-cent-American organization after all.

If a klansman needs help, minister to him; do not wait to "bring it up in regular meeting."

hoods regarding the Klan, have run so-called "expose" of the order and, having no spirit of fair play, have refused to permit the Klan to present their side of the case through their columns, having even refused paid advertisements offered by the Seattle Klan.

However, Seattle Klan Number 4 thrives on such malicious persecution, as the photograph above demonstrates. New members are being naturalized by the hundreds and the cause of true Americanism is prospering. The picture is of an average Klansman naturalized into the Seattle Klan. It was taken a few weeks ago while the local attack on this Klan was at its highest water mark. There was no unusual ceremony to attract the crowd of Klansmen which fills the Klavern. It merely demonstrates the steady rallying of Americans beneath the fiery cross and the stars and stripes.

Six Thousand Arkansas Klansmen Hold State Meeting in Driving Rain Storm

DRIVING rain, which almost assumed the proportions of a cloudburst, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of 6,000 loyal Arkansas Klansmen, who gathered near Little Rock for their annual state convention on Friday, April 27.

The meeting, which was held in the open air Friday night amid the meadows of a model stock farm, ten miles from the city, attracted a huge crowd of Klansmen who journeyed to the spot in automobiles, braving the rain.

From start to finish the session was held in a torrential downpour, the speakers and their audience becoming literally dripping, sopping wet. Enthusiasm ran high, however, and Imperial Wizard Dr. H. W. Evans was cheered to the echo when he spoke, exalting the principles of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and praising the Klansmen of Arkansas for their loyalty and spirit of progressiveness.

The Grand Dragon of the Realm of Arkansas and other Klan officials also spoke briefly and the crowd, wet to the skin, stayed to hear them. The meeting concluded with the serving of an old fashioned barbecue.

It is estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 Klansmen were in Little Rock Friday, April 27, the weather preventing a large proportion of them from attending the night meeting beneath the fiery cross.

A letter from Chattanooga Klan No. 1, Realm of Tennessee, states that the National Handle and Enameling Company, 1011 Cross Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., is active in fighting this order.

"Their attitude is of bitter opposition, denunciation and abuse," reads the letter. "The owner of the company is especially hostile to the Klan and actively works against us."

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